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To the Honorable Colleen Kollar-Kotelly:

Please do something to preclude the current travesty of justice that appears to be the result of heavy lobbying and campaign contributions by Microsoft. The initial settlement agreed to by the DOJ, that was wisely rejected wreaked of politics. How can the DOJ justify spending MILLIONS of our tax dollars on rightfully expecting Microsoft to abide by the previous agreement APPEARING to preclude a continuation of the predatory and exclusionary practices used by the Microsoft juggernaut. I have personally seen numerous companies who Microsoft needed put out of business once the need was satisfied.

By not separating Microsoft's operating system group from the application group you will allow the following practices to continue:

Continued Elimination of Competition

1) by Microsoft's "breaking" other peoples software via operating system changes.

a) In the days of DOS and the supremacy of Lotus 123

Microsoft had the following jingle:

"DOS", [the operating system] is not done until Lotus, [123 the application] won't run.

b) Generating false messages of incompatibility to scare customers into using MS products.

2) Microsoft's current game with it's "Windows XP" will be to preclude competition via forcing upgrades on MICROSOFT'S timetable or else losing the license for which you've already PAID.

This will effectively prevent competitors from gaining compatibility with the numerous Microsoft application files as Microsoft will simply change the file formats with every release. This will have the affect of preventing ANY non Microsoft applications from gaining a foothold in companies due to not being able to read, for example Microsoft CURRENT Word documents or Excel files. FURTHER protecting their ACKNOWLEDGED and ILLEGALLY OBTAINED MONOPOLY.

Respectfully Submitted,

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